

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
John C. Harvey *et al.*

Application No.: 08/480,392

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For: SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
METHODS

Confirmation No.: 9205

Art Unit: 2467

Examiner: Michael J. Moore, Jr.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to paragraph 2 on page 7 of the September 30, 2010 Notice of Allowance in the above captioned application, Applicants hereby submit the following Examiner interview summaries that are relevant to the allowance of this application.

MAY 4, 2009

The prosecution of this application, along with all but two of Applicants' copending application, was suspended for several years pending the outcome of the appeal of Application Serial Nos. 08/470,571 and 08/487,526 and the reexamination proceedings of seven related patents. Applicants inquired into the status of these applications in January, 2009, as the current six-month suspension period expired. Applicants requested that the suspension of these applications not be renewed. The Office, through Supervisory Examiner David L. Ometz indicated that the suspensions would not be renewed and that prosecution would recommence. Applicants wish to thank Examiner David L. Ometz for the courtesy of the interview held on

May 4, 2009 in which Applicants' representatives and the Examiners discussed an overall plan for examination of the remaining 110 applications which relate to this application and have a common chain of priority. Applicants were informed that the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) was developing a plan to resume examination and that Applicants would be informed when the plan was in place.

JULY 22, 2009

Applicants were informed in July, 2009, that a team of examiners had been assembled to examine Applicants' copending applications. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' Representatives in a meeting held July 22, 2009, with the examination team. In attendance at the meeting were Thomas J. Scott, Jr. and Carl L. Benson, of Goodwin Procter and the PTO personnel identified on the attached list. Applicants' representatives made a presentation to the Examiners in attendance in accordance with the attached agenda and provided the materials attached hereto to the Examiners for their consideration and use in the further examination of this application and the other application related to this application as identified in Tab 2 of the materials provided to the Examiners in the meeting. Applicants' representatives agreed to respond to any telephone inquiries or to be present for personal interview at the PTO in any circumstance where the Examiner believed such an interview would advance the prosecution of this application.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

The Examiner called Applicants' representative on September 14, 2010 to explain the status of the pending claims in light of the prior art. The Examiner stated that U.S. Patent 3,988,528 to Yanagimachi *et al.* was particularly relevant to these claims. The Examiner explained that claim 57 was considered to be allowable over the Yanagimachi reference. On September 21, 2010, Applicants' representative emailed a proposed amendment to the Examiner, which the Examiner agreed would place the application in a condition for allowance. The examiner's amendment included with the Notice of Allowance reflect the agreed upon claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time and consideration in this matter.

Dated: October 4, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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